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Office of Air, Waste & Toxics

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Ms. Jan Palumbo (AWT-121) United States EPA, Region 10 1200 Sixth Avenue, Suite 900 Seattle, WA 98101

Subject:

May 2012 Progress Report

J.H. BAXTER ARLINGTON FACILITY Docket No. RCRA-10-2001-0086

Dear Ms. Palumbo:

This letter provides the May 2012 progress report for work under the Administrative Order on Consent (AOC) for the J.H. Baxter & Co. (Baxter) facility during the period from April 15 to May 15, 2012.

## SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS THIS PERIOD

This section discusses significant developments for the reporting period, including actions performed and any problems encountered relative to work required by the AOC. Significant developments that occurred on this project during this reporting period are outlined below:

- Baxter conducted routine quarterly groundwater monitoring activities (2nd quarter 2012 sampling event) between April 29, 2012, and May 3, 2012.
- Baxter conducted maintenance activities on the Remedial Action Pilot system between April 30, 2012, and May 3, 2012. The maintenance activities included cleaning of the extraction wells, pumps, and infiltration gallery. Baxter will provide documentation of the maintenance activities with the Second Quarter 2012 Operations and Monitoring Report.
- The Remedial Action Pilot System continued to be operated during the reporting period.

## ANTICIPATED DEVELOPMENTS NEXT PERIOD

This section discusses developments anticipated during the next reporting period, as outlined below:

The Remedial Action Pilot System will continue to be operated during the next reporting period.

## **OTHER INFORMATION**

Any other information relevant to the AOC is discussed in this section, including results of any sampling or testing completed within the reporting period.

· Baxter has no other information to report.

## **CERTIFICATION**

I certify that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to evaluate the information submitted. I certify that the information contained in or accompanying this submittal is true, accurate, and complete. As to those identified portions(s) of this submittal for which I cannot personally verify the accuracy, I certify that this submittal and all attachments were prepared in accordance with procedures designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gathered and evaluated the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system or those directly responsible for gathering the information, or the immediate supervisor of such person(s), the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations.

Signature:

Name: Georgia Baxter

Title: Chief Executive Officer

Date: May 15, 2012

We trust this letter meets the intent of the Progress Report per Paragraph 71 of the AOC. If you have any questions, please contact me at (650) 349-0201.

Sincerely,

Georgia Baxter

Chief Executive Officer

cc: Jeanne Tran, Ecology

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